

**June 13, 2013**

**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

### **SBM Blog: Michigan Supreme Court Names New General Counsel**

"The Supreme Court has named Joseph J. Baumann, former counsel to the state House of Representatives majority caucus and deputy legal counsel to the Department of Community Health as its new General Counsel, succeeding Matthew Schneider.... Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. said that Baumann was the unanimous choice of the Court."

[Full story](#)

***Also see:***

### **Detroit Legal News: Baumann named general counsel of state high court**

[Full story](#)

### **Attorney Joseph J. Baumann named Michigan Supreme Court's General Counsel**

[Press release](#)

### **The Detroit News: Barrow asks Michigan Supreme Court to rule on Duggan's mayoral eligibility**

"Accountant and rival mayoral candidate Tom Barrow is requesting Michigan's Supreme Court rule whether mayoral candidate Mike Duggan violated the City Charter's residency requirements, which would remove him from the August ballot. Duggan appealed Wednesday to the Michigan Court of Appeals after a Wayne County Circuit Court judge's ruling earlier this week disqualified him from running."

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***Also see:***

### **The Detroit News: Editorial: Put Duggan back on ballot**

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Judge orders Snyder aide to produce Detroit EM candidate names**

"[Ingham County Circuit Judge William Collette] on Wednesday shot down a claim of executive privilege and ordered an aide of Gov. Rick Snyder to disclose the names of the other candidates considered for Detroit's emergency manager."

[Full story](#)

***Also see:***

### **Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Judge orders Snyder administration to produce records re: EM hire**

[Full story](#)

### **Associated Press: Grandparents lose appeal in bid to see kids**

"The Michigan appeals court has made a key ruling in a case involving the rights of grandparents to see grandchildren. The court says Robert and Judith Porter have no standing to seek time with two grandchildren. That's because the kids' father had his parental rights terminated."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune, the Macomb Daily, the Morning Sun, the Oakland Press and WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit.**

### **Associated Press: Magistrate performed weddings for thousands**

"David Barnes has seen his share of ornery people in 26 years as a full-time district court magistrate in Calhoun County, but he retires on Friday with thousands of happy memories. The Battle Creek Enquirer reports that the 62-year-old Barnes spent 35 years in court, which includes time as a bailiff and part-time magistrate."

[Full story](#)

### **C & G News/Warren: Macomb waits for approval of court cost-sharing agreement**

"Officials from Macomb Township are hoping that the other entities connected to the 41-A District Court will sign a cost-sharing agreement that determines how revenues will be divided if a new court facility is constructed in Macomb."

[Full story](#)

### **The Homer Index: Homer resident hired as director of State Court Administrative Offices**

"Attorney Jill M. Booth of Homer has been named director of the State Court Administrative Office's new Region V, State Court Administrator Chad C. Schmucker announced recently."

**\*\* No link is available.**

### **Ingham County Legal News: Justice Bridget Mary McCormack speaker at WLAM Annual Meeting**

"'If asked to describe what they do, judges will invariably say that they apply the law and they call balls and strikes,' said Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack, speaking at the Women Lawyers Association of Mid-Michigan Annual Meeting held on June 6, 2013 at the Lexington Lansing Hotel.... Judges honored that evening were Judge Janice Cunningham, the first female judge in the Eaton County Circuit Court and Judge Andrea Larkin, 54B District Court's first female judge."

[Full story](#)

### **Ingham County Legal News: 54-B District Court offers Amnesty Program**

"East Lansing's 54-B District Court, 101 Linden St., will offer an amnesty program\* now through July 12, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. for persons who have been issued a bench warrant on or before May 21, 2013 for failure to pay court fines and costs."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **The State News/East Lansing: [54B District Court] offer amnesty program as another chance to pay court fines**

[Full story](#)

### **Ingham County Legal News: Judicial raises of 3 percent proposed in Michigan**

"Michigan judges should get a 3 percent raise in 2015, decided the State Officers Compensation Commission. That's a turnaround from earlier discussions centered on 3 percent in 2015 and another 3 percent in 2016 and potentially requesting as much as 5 percent."

[Full story](#)

### **Legal Newsline: Mich. appeals court reverses \$1M judgment against insurer over 'access fees'**

"The Michigan Court of Appeals, in an unpublished opinion Tuesday, sided with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in a case — one of several filed against it by government agencies across the state — over so-called 'access fees' charged to self-insured customers."

[Full story](#)

### **The Macomb Daily: County wins, unions lose Supreme Court ruling**

"Macomb County government won a state Supreme Court ruling that if it lost may have cost it hundreds of thousands of dollars or more in pension payments to retirees. The high court announced Wednesday that it ruled 4-2 (Justice David Viviano recused himself) in favor of the county, circuit court and the former Road Commission over three unions in a dispute regarding a 2006 decision by the Macomb County Retirement Commission."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.**

**Also see:**

### **The MiLW Blog: Macomb County prevails in union dispute**

[Full story](#)

### **The MiLW Blog: Attorneys, jurists square off at the grill for sixth year**

"Take a trio of judges and replace their robes with aprons, and match them up against a trio of attorneys who wield a mighty pair of tongs, and what do you get? Only one of the state's premier — and tastiest — law-related fundraisers. On June 12, the sixth annual Bench Bar Culinary Challenge fired up the coals at the Huntington Woods home of attorneys Nancy Glen and Ralph McDowell."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: In transition: Former judge enjoys new role as mediator**

"... [S]ince retiring from the bench at the end of 2012, [former Judge Paula] Manderfield is now developing a civil and divorce mediation practice as a shareholder in the Lansing office of Fraser Trebilcock. Manderfield, who has taken the 40-hour training as a mediator and observed several mediations, is enjoying her new position."

[Full story](#)

### **The Oakland Press: Fox 2 exposes Novi judge's extended breaks**

"Judge Dennis Powers should have been on the bench, but instead he was busted on the job by Rob Wolchek of Fox 2 News. The 52nd District Court in Novi was supposed to begin at 8:34 a.m. on May 20. Fox 2 reports that all the defendants and the attorneys were waiting — but Powers, who makes \$138,272 a year in taxpayer money, wasn't there."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Wolchek Investigation: Judge Powers; Oakland Co. judge busted on the job**

[Full story](#)

### **The Oakland Press: Center teaches community members how to resolve civil disputes**

"Oakland Mediation Center is accepting applications for the next 40-Hour Community Mediation Training to teach volunteers to conduct mediation services for Oakland County residents, businesses and organizations.... Oakland Mediation Center conducts mediation on-site at the Oakland County district courts in Pontiac, Rochester, Southfield and Waterford and at their Bloomfield Hills office."

[Full story](#)

### **The News-Herald/Southgate: POLI-TICKER: Wayne County Commission honors Dingell for long service**

"U.S. Rep. John Dingell couldn't make it to the Wayne County Commission chambers Monday so his son arrived in his stead to accept a special resolution.... Dingell's son, Wayne County Circuit Judge

Christopher Dingell, accepted the specially mounted resolution, which was signed by all 15 members of the commission and detailed the elder Dingell's contributions to Wayne County."

[Full story](#)

### **Press & Guide/Dearborn: DEARBORN: Court's ticket amnesty program ends Friday**

"The one-time unpaid civil infraction ticket amnesty program at 19th District Court ends Friday. Those with parking and traffic civil infraction tickets issued in Dearborn by the Dearborn Police Department, Michigan State Police or Wayne County Sheriff's Department can pay them in person at the court, 16077 Michigan Ave., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m."

[Full story](#)